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Suspected smallpox in Cairo, Ill.

CAIRO, ILL., *January 27, 1899.*

SIR: I beg to inform you that 3 suspicious cases now in hospital, 1 admitted to-day, are believed to be varioloid. They are isolated and all precautions will be taken.

Respectfully, yours, W. A. WHEELER,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Indianapolis, Ind.

INDIANAPOLIS, *January 25, 1899.*

SIR: Three cases of smallpox, very mild in form, were reported at Indianapolis, January 22. The patients are all colored and adult males. Origin unknown. All precautions taken against spread.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Smallpox in Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE, KY., *January 23, 1899.*

SIR: In relation to the case of smallpox reported at this hospital by my telegram of the 20th instant, I have the honor to state that the case was in the person of Tom Lawson, colored, aged 32 years, from the steamer *Tarascon*, admitted to hospital on the 17th instant, complaining of pain in back, legs, and head, slight cough and running from nose, and normal temperature. From these symptoms and the general condition of the man, the case was diagnosed as influenza, that disease being quite prevalent in this city.

On the 19th an eruption was noticed and reported to me by telephone at the out-patient office, and on returning to the hospital I made careful examination and suspected smallpox. This eruption was present on face and on the body where the skin is thin. It was not a typical one. Did not have the hard, shotty feeling described by text-books, nor was there any evidence of umbilication. The local health authorities were notified of the suspicion and invited to make examination of the case, but no response was made until afternoon of the 20th, when patient was removed to the pesthouse, diagnosis of smallpox having been confirmed.

All bedding used by the case has been removed and burned. Patients were removed to another ward and all bedding remaining in the infected ward was treated by sulphur fumigation, The room will be cleaned with bichloride solution, and the bedframes painted before being put in use again. All unprotected persons in the building have been vaccinated. The source of infection in this case was probably a case sent to the pesthouse by the city health department about two weeks before the development in Lawson, who had associated with that case and who had been successfully vaccinated at the time of discovery of his association with it.

Respectfully yours, HOWARD C. RUSSELL,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Temporary Charge.

Smallpox in Laredo, Tex.

LAREDO, TEX., *January 22, 1899.*

SIR: I inclose smallpox report for week ended January 21, 1899: 37 cases, 8 deaths, and 800 vaccinations. I have inspected all passenger trains from Mexico and assisted the immigrant inspector in